

Claims

What is claimed is:

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1. A system for facilitating configuration of a software system being installed, comprising:
a setup component for receiving information indicative of a location scenario relating to where the software system is being installed, configuration characteristics for the software system being determined based on the location scenario.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the software system further comprises a plurality of available components, the configuration characteristics further including default components selected for installation from the plurality of available components based on the location scenario.
3. The system of claim 2, further comprising a component selection user interface which is programmed to identify the default components and, in response to receiving a user input, to select which of the plurality of available components of the software system are to be installed, the operating characteristics for at least some of the selected components being controlled as a function of the location scenario.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the setup component further comprises a location user interface component for presenting at least two location scenarios associated with installation of the software system, the location user interface component being operative to set the location scenario in response to receiving an associated user input.
5. The system of claim 1, further including computer-executable instructions associated with the setup component for accessing stored system information and determining configuration characteristics associated with a location onto where the software system is being installed, the location scenario being determined based on the configuration characteristics.

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6. The system of claim 1, wherein the software system is a server system having a plurality of server components and the location scenario is selected from at least two scenarios including a central server scenario and a branch office server scenario.

7. A system for facilitating configuration of a software system being installed, comprising:

means for identifying a location scenario associated with a computer where the software system is to be installed; and

means for determining a configuration for the software system the based on the location scenario.

8. A method for configuring a software system, comprising:

selecting a scenario based on a location where the software system is to be installed; and

determining a configuration for the software system the based on the selected scenario.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the software system includes a plurality of components, the step of determining further comprising determining at least one default component to install from the plurality of components based on the selected scenario.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising providing a user interface which identifies the at least one default component.

11. The method of claim 10, further including selecting which of the plurality of components are to be installed and controlling operating characteristics of at least some of the selected components as a function of the selected scenario.

12. The method of claim 8, further comprising presenting at least two possible location scenarios via an associated user interface, the step of selecting further comprising selecting the scenario from one of presented scenarios.

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13. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of selecting further comprises accessing stored system information and determining configuration characteristics associated with a location onto where the software system is being installed, the selected scenario being determined based on the determined configuration characteristics.

14. The method of claim 8, wherein the software system is a server system having a plurality of server components and the selected scenario is selected from at least two scenarios including a central server scenario and a branch office server scenario.

15. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for:

receiving data indicative of a location scenario where a software system is to be installed; and
configuring the software system based on the location scenario.

16. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, having further computer-executable instructions for determining at least one default component to install from a plurality of available components based on the location scenario.

17. The computer-readable medium of claim 16, having further computer-executable instructions for providing an interactive user interface that identifies the at least one default component.

18. The computer-readable medium of claim 17, having further computer-executable instructions for selecting which components of the software system are to be installed based on user input via the user interface and controlling operating characteristics of at least some of the selected components as a function of the location scenario.

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19. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, having further computer-executable instructions for providing a user interface that presents at least two possible location scenarios and for receiving instructions via the user interface for selecting the location scenario from the presented scenarios.

20. The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the software system is a server system having a plurality of server components, the computer-readable medium having further computer-executable instructions for presenting the at least two possible location scenarios to include a central server scenario and a branch office server scenario.

21. The computer-readable medium of claim 15, having further computer-executable instructions for accessing stored system information and determining configuration characteristics associated with a location onto where the software system is being installed, the location scenario being determined based on the determined configuration characteristics.

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